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FR 2 788 841 discloses that this seal system, especially for an insulated oven door, has the rear surfaces of the door perimeter and facing surface of the oven surround shaped to form a chicane (31), with an air flow created at the top of the door passing through a gap (49) between the inner surface of the door and oven surround inside the door's peripheral seal (38) and into the door cavity. The peripheral seal is situated as far as possible from the edge of the oven opening.

DE 39 19 773 discloses that the door (12) is hinged to a portion of the housing (10) with an elastic sealing member (13) fitted into a recess (15) of the housing, with one lip (16) bearing upon the inside face (11a) of the door, and another lip (17) upon its edge (11b). In its unstressed condition the edge lip (17) makes an acute angle (19) with the other lip (16). A fold (22) of the sealing member (13) becomes deformed into a hollow space (21) when the door (12) is moved (20) into its closed position.

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